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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING REGARDING REGULATION OF BUSINESS DATA SERVICES FOR MODEL- BASED RATE-OF-RETURN CARRIERS

WC Docket No. 17-144

Comment Date: July 6, 2017

Reply Comment Date: July 21, 2017

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the petition for rulemaking (Petition) to review rate regulation of business data services offered by model-based rate-of-return carriers¹ filed by the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA) and USTelecom on May 25, 2017.²

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 17-144**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
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 - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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¹ Model-based rate of return local exchange carriers were established in the Commission's *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*. See *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3087 (2016).

² Letter from Gregory J. Vogt, Counsel to ITTA and USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-144 (filed May 25, 2017) (*ITTA/USTelecom Petition*).

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The proceeding this petition initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.³ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

Submissions will be publically available online via ECFS.⁴ These documents will also be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, which is located in Room CY-A257 at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁴ Documents will generally be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.